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Competition and choice are the hallmarks of a free economy and a free society. Broadcast radio, at least in Albany (with the exception of public radio), is uniformly bad, vapid and annoying. Because of this I subscribed to XM satellite radio. Between XM and the internet I have access to as much information as I can digest. I would still listen to broadcast radio had it not degenerated into what it is today.

Please don't regulate XM's ability to carry weather, traffic reports and other regional content. Pilots need current weather forecasts. They are not forced to get them from AM radio. Likewise the NWS broadcasts continuous weather forecasts. Traffic information is available on the internet, from TIS broadcasts, and television. XM is as legitimate a source for these reports as broadcast radio is.

In my opinion broadcast radio needs more competition. The number of stations controlled by a single owner in the top 100 markets should be limited.